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Up to 1947, seminars were held regularly at the Division of Approximations in the Mathematical Institute imeni V. A. Steklov, Academy of Sciences USSR (this Division has since been changed to the Institute of Precise Mechanics, Academy of Sciences USSR). Since 1947, the seminar has been held at Moscow State University. L. A. Lyusternik was the director until autumn 1947, when I. S. Gradshteyn became director.

In the seminar held in the spring of 1947, L. D. Kudryavtsev submitted a report on "New Mathematical Methods of Calculation by Electrical Circuits," and L. Ye. Sadovskiy submitted several reports on mathematical instruments (integrators, harmonizers, and "Stil't'yes-planimeters"). A number of reports by I. Ya. Akushskiy, L. Ye. Sadovskiy, and K. A. Karpov were dedicated to problems on analytical-calculating machines. L. Ya. Meyshuler and L. A. Lyusternik submitted reports on mathematical problems of tabulation. A report by Aleksandrov discussed a hydraulic instrument for solving systems of linear equations, and one by I. S. Gradshteyn covered problems of stability in solving systems of linear differential equations. The last report developed in connection with the theoretical analysis of an electric model of an integrator system by L. I. Gutenmakher.

In the autumn of 1948, at Moscow State University, a new special seminar was organized on algebraic methods of engineering calculations (the seminar on "the applied combiner," conducted by A. G. Etkovskiy and L. A. Lyusternik). There is no doubt that problems of calculating mathematics, in the broadest sense of the word, will play a substantial role in the work of the mathematical-mechanics and physics faculties of our universities.

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